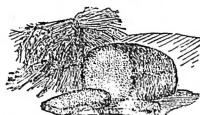


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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From The News, December 22, 1909.

The U.F.A. held their annual meeting and election of officers. Jas. Bower was re-elected President. Capt. Keast was vice-president, and the executive committee was Messrs. W. Loveland, R. Cummer, H. Jamieson, J. Lamont, C. A. J. Sharman and J. Jenkins. The branch passed a resolution expressing dissatisfaction because the government had not established a pork packing plant.

Died, at Burn Lake, Mrs. S. Grimson, aged 38 years.

Amos Wilton, Content, writing to The News, explained the scarcity of coal in Red Deer by the fact that the best seams on the Red Deer were all held by the C.P.R.

Stettler, Lacombe, Wotakiwin and Red Deer were in the hockey league for Central Alberta.

Married, at Calgary, Ellen L. Broughton to Joseph M. Barker.

TEN YEARS AGO

From The News, December 23, 1914

The War: Leading financial men in Austria urged that peace be made. American and other neutral papers were swinging to the side of the Allies because of the atrocities committed by Germany.

The City of Red Deer sent 150 lbs. of turkey, with fruit and smoke, to the Red Deer men in the second contingent at Calgary—German cruisers shelled Scarborough and Harbours on the English coast. Many civilians were killed but no damage of a military or naval sense done. Neither place had any defences.

THE HOLY NIGHT

Shepherds through the night were watching,
O'er their flocks on Judah's plain,
Suddenly the sky was opened,
Angels sang a glad refrain.

Came He down from realms of glory,
Nowhere could He lay his head,
Princes He in costly palaces,
Just the sod His lowly bed.

Mary laid Him in a manger,
Where the oxen oft were fed,
Wise men travelled to adore Him,
By a star their steps were led.

Came He for a kindly purpose,
Saviour of mankind was He,
Stooped to save—O wondrous story!
Stooped to save both you and me.

Gave His life to ransom many,
"Praise His Name!" the angels sing,
Glory to the Lamb! Yes, glory!
Worship all the newborn King.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

It is the same eternal question. And how often will it be asked? Just as long and as often as Christmas comes. You will be asked and thousands more, and little children will be answered and reassured and made happy just as was the little girl who put her question to the great editor, Charles A. Dana. She sought high authority when some one had caused her faith in childhood's patron saint to fall, and this is what the famous editor wrote her: "It is the best answer that we know:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be like a night without stars, like a garden without flowers, like a life without love. We should have no enjoyment except sense and sight. The light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your pains to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but that is to sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children or men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can see behind that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

ON CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING

Let us go up to the House of God,
Fulfilling our Christian calling;
Walking in ways which the saints have told
And keeping our feet from falling;
Lighting our steps as we go along
With Heavenly words of warning.
"Glory to God" was the angel's song
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Let us go forth with a merry noise,
As those who are holiday keeping;
Bidding the needy to share our joys
And banish their night of weeping.
Bearing with weakness as we are strong—
Self-pleasing and silliness scorn ing;
"Peace upon earth!" was the angel's song
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Let us forgive though our brothers err'd
Till seventy times and seven;
Let the "good will" of the newborn Word
Be done upon Earth as in heaven!
"Glory to God!" from the white-robed throng,
Who wait for the Bride's adorning.
"Peace upon earth!" was the angel's song
On Christmas Day in the morning.

THE VILLAIN

Vincent de Preuss's handiwork had been a generous soul, and he felt that some reward was due to her. And so with his courtesy he presented her one morning with a small sealed envelope. "There, madame," he said, "is a present such as I would give to few. It is an order, madame—an order for the pit. Come tonight and see me in my finest part, Herbert Sandbag." That night the old lady went to the theatre and saw Vincent. But when he returned to her house after the performance, great was his surprise to find his luggage piled up on the doorstep, the door itself being barred against him. Violently he pulled the knocker and presently the old lady's head appeared. "Madame," demanded Vincent, "What means this outrage?" "Look here," replied the old lady; "for twenty years I've been a respectable widow-woman, and if you think I'm going to have a villain like you lodging in my house, you're mistaken. I never see such scoundrels in all my days. Go and make it up with that young fellow you've been trying to ruin all the evening."

A CHRISTMAS SONG

Hear the angel voices ringing,
Hear the sweet refrain,
"Peace on earth, good-will from heaven."

Sang they o'er the star-lit plain,
Down from the throne-lair,
Clothed in power and might,
Came the Son of God, the Saviour,
Filling earth with heavenly light.

Came He to a lowly manger,
Born of lowly birth,
Yes, the Prince of Peace and Glory,
Delighted He thus to come to earth
Sing, O ye angels!

Tell the coming of the Saviour,
Sound the joyful note again,
Flocked the crowds to hear His message.

Joy for tears He gave;
Souls were healed, their sins forgiven;
Loved ones rescued from the grave,
Down through life's byways,
Walked He, lowly meek;
While the hearts of burdened sinners
Lightened when they heard Him speak.

Oh, ye weary, hear Him saying,
"Come to me, and rest;
Cast on me your every burden,
Be in me forever blest.
Then in the homestead,
All thy labor done,
Thou shalt reign with me in glory
When the crown of life is won."

FATHER CHRISTMAS ABROAD

Wherever Christmas is observed Santa Claus never fails to play his part, though his name varies in different countries.

In Italy he assumes a female guise, and, as La Betano, steals softly to the children's bedside to fill their stockings with seasonal gifts. There is, too, an Italian ceremony called Zopata, when "it is customary for persons to hide presents in the shoes and slippers of those they do honor to, in such manner as may surprise them on the morning when they come to dress"; and this, we are told, is done in imitation of St. Nicholas, who used in the night-time to throw purses in at the windows of poor girls for their marriage-portions. In Flanders and Holland it is Knecht Klock who, at dawn of night, steals in to fill the children's shoes and stockings with good things. On the eve of St. Nicholas' Day, Austrian children put out plates and dishes to receive the cakes and other delicacies which the good Miklusz will not fail to bring them in the dark hours of the night. "This is done if they have said their prayers properly before his coming."

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

Issued by Publicity Commissioner, Government of Alberta, Edmonton.

Cattle Rates to Japan Reduced

As a result of negotiations carried on by the Provincial Department of Agriculture, the rate per head on cattle from Alberta to Japan has now been reduced to \$37.50. This rate was formerly \$40. The reduced rate is expected to act as a considerable stimulant to the trade in Alberta livestock which has been instituted since the Department last spring sent a test shipment to Japan.

The new rate is for a minimum shipment of 50 head, and includes stables, ocean space and fare of man in charge, as did the old rate. The new rate will be published shortly by the railway companies, and will be in effect for three months from date of publication, at the end of which time it will be reviewed again.

The Canadian Trade Commissioner in Japan has been advised of the new rate, and it is expected that shipments of cattle from Alberta ranges will go forward. To date about 250 head have been shipped to Japan by the Department of Agriculture and P. Burns & Co.

Honey Production

Production of honey is appearing for the first time in the annual table of Alberta agricultural products. It is estimated that there are now 100 bee keepers in Alberta, and that the production the past season was \$5,000, or about \$15.00 in value.

Co-operative Turnover in Alberta

According to figures gathered by the Provincial Department of Agriculture, 40 co-operative organizations in Alberta, including the wheat pool, had a total turn-over in 1923 of \$37,728,000.

Alberta Products for the Orient

During the past three years there has been considerable growth in export of products to the Orient from this province.

New Wheat Pool Manager

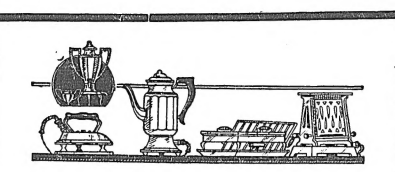
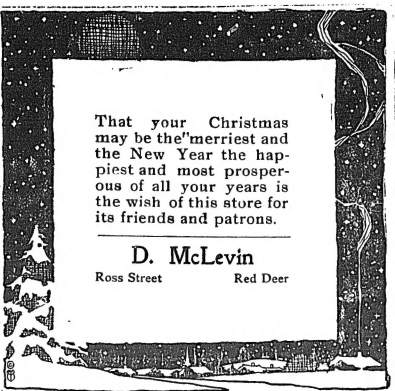
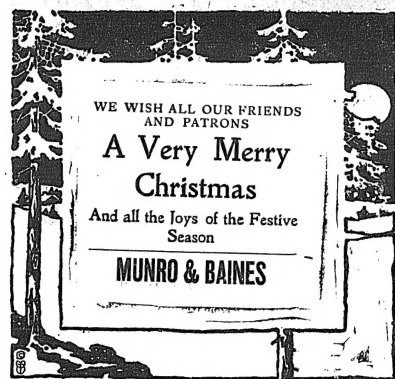
R. D. Purdy, assistant manager of the Bank of Montreal at Edmonton, has been appointed to the position of manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool in succession to the late Chester Elliott. Mr. Purdy takes over his new duties on January 1st, 1925.

Road Work in 1924

About 400 miles of main highways were completed in Alberta during 1924 under the five-year program authorized by the Legislature last session, which contemplates a total expenditure of \$3,500,000. The work was done on the chief tourist highways in the province, and as a result a total of \$250,000 has been earned by the Province as a Federal aid grant. Next year's program contemplates the building of about 500 miles of highway. The Department of Public Works will concentrate next year more on the bringing of roads up to standard rather than building an extended program of clay roads. Work is also being done on the Jasper Highway and the Peace River Highway.

Immigration to Alberta

According to figures from the Department of Immigration at Ottawa there has been a total immigration into Alberta, during the eight months of 1924, from April to November, of 9,252 of which 6,475 were from overseas and 2,777 from the United States.



Select Electrical Gifts

Show your mother or your wife that you take an interest in and seek to lighten her arduous household duties by selecting an Electrical Gift for her Christmas. It'll win smiles of contentment through the year and save her much time and energy.

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A Personal Service

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IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

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Branches also at Sylvan Lake, and Rocky Mountain House.

BLACKFALDS

Mrs. Arthur Herzog and three children from Vernon, B.C., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. Herzog, of Burbank. They will continue their journey in a few days to join Mr. Herzog in Pennsylvania where he has recently taken a position in the coal mines of that State.

Mr. F. Misdom of Burbank, expects to bring out his wife and family from Italy at an early date.

Mr. Murray, lineman of the Brazeau branch of the C.N.R., residing at Rocky Mountain House, was in this vicinity on the Company's business recently.

The Burbank water tank was recently repaired in preparation for the cold weather.

Young and old are complaining in large numbers of having the mumps. Apparently they are of a mild type. The school is almost depleted these days of scholars.

Mr. Paisley, Government auctioneer, last week attended a large sale near Viking.

The nomination for town councillors took place last week, and resulted in only three nominations: they are, therefore, elected by acclamation, as follows:—J. A. Martin, J. H. Pay, H. J. Billie; J. N. V. Miller as secretary. The chairman will be elected at the first meeting in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Shales have gone to spend the winter at the Coast, with the hope that Mr. Shales' health will improve.

The storm commencing Friday night and lasting over the week-end, was the heaviest snow fall in many years. There was a slight wind accompanying the snow fall, but not sufficient to make many large drifts. The snow lay three feet deep all over, and it will be great difficulty for many days to get around. There is no way of getting around for a better path—a person has to plow through or shovel wherever they go. Sunday and Monday's trains were thrown many hours of schedule.

DIDN'T KNOW

A Pole was discovered kissing his housemaid soon after his wife's death. When relatives remonstrated with him for this unseemly conduct, he raised his eyes, shoulders and hands, and exclaimed: "In my grief, do I know what I do?"

SAFE

Servant—I can't get this 'ore tall, to burn, sir.
Country doctor—Oh, never mind. We're only going home, and I've got the constable safe in bed with him.



O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy sleep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yat in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Our Debt to the World

WHEN we contrast her condition with that of most foreign lands, Canada appears like a ship resting in a sheltered harbor. She is rich, happy and at peace. The very fact of Canada's good fortune makes her a debtor. She owes the debt of goodwill and kindness which Christmas revives and presses upon us as an obligation to those lands less fortunate than our own.

Over the crowded areas of Asia stalk the skeleton figures of war and famine. Over much of Africa hangs the dense pall of superstition and ignorance that have shrouded her for ages. Europe struggles with almost insoluble political and economic problems, and one Government replaces another, each in turn overcome by perplexity and despair.

Canada although she has a few troubles of her own, is a favored child among the nations, with many reasons for gratitude. Let us remember our debts as we count our blessings. Let us aid all efforts to spread the light brought down from the skies two thousand years ago by One who "though rich, for man's sake became poor."

THE MUTUAL LIFE OF CANADA: Waterloo, Ontario

J. E. C. OLDFORD, District Agent
T. C. PHILLIPS, District Manager
G. H. LINDSAY, Local Agent

GIVE!

If it be true (and folks there are this legend who believe)
That every year the Christ Child walks
Our earth, on Mary's Eve,
How much of suffering He finds
To make His kind heart grieve!

So many starving babes, plucked
And whimpering with cold,
Such pitious woe faces drawn
With hunger, gray and old!
A hundred needy cases? Oh,
The heart has not been told.

And we, whose homes are holy,
And gay with Christmas trees,
What have we done to merit cheer
And comfort—more than these?
(The Child with sad and puzzled eyes
Must wonder, as He sees!)

Then, ere the birth-morn of the Babe,
Give gladly, every one,
As this past year has prospered you,
That some poor little one
May know a little of Christmas Joy
Before the Day is done!

LACOMBE FLOUR MILL BURNT

The Lacombe flour mill, owned by Mr. L. L. Brown and Mr. J. J. Gritch, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. It is supposed the fire broke out from an overheated stove setting fire to paper and other loose stuff in its vicinity. It was first seen about ten o'clock, owing to the severe weather the efforts of the fire fighters to combat the flames were useless. Besides the building and machinery there was a lot of flour and grain burnt, and the loss will run from \$20,000 to \$25,000, on which there was some insurance. The loss is a very severe one to the millers and much sympathy is expressed with them in their loss.

OBEDIENT ORDERS

One of the witnesses in a County Court case was a diminutive boy of eight, who had to give important evidence on behalf of his father. When he stepped into the witness-box he looked like a freak from the circus. His hat came down over his eyes, the tails of his coat nearly reached the floor, and his trousers were so long that the knees were at his ankles. Even the judge could not contain his mirth.

"Why do you come here dressed like that?" he inquired. The youngster felt in his pocket, produced a sum of money, and with a dignified air pointed out the words: "To appear in his father's suit."

NO LOIAR

"Did you notice no suspicious characters about the neighborhood?" asked the magistrate of a newly-appointed policeman.

"Man, I saw but one man an' I asked 'Shure, yer honor,' said the policeman, 'but he was doin' there at beat time o' night. See he, I have no business here jest now, but I expect to open a jeweller's shop in this vicinity later on.' At that I sez: 'I wish ye success, sor.'"

"Yes, and he did open a jeweller's shop in this vicinity and stole seven-teen watches."

"Begorra, yer honor, the mon may have been a thafe, but he was no loiar."

A HARD SWALLOW

Lady of the house: You say you haven't had anything to eat today?
Tramp: Lady, I only ting Tvo swallered today is an insult.



MAGG BAKING POWDER
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ECKVILLE

December 17, 1924

With the thermometer at 40 above zero and a storm brewing on Thursday last week, and from then the mercury going steadily down, and the storm gaining in momentum at a rapid rate, Sunday night we had experienced a storm which, as to quantity of snow and cold, none residing here has seen the like. It was 39 degrees below on Monday, on Tuesday it had dropped to 65, and this morning it was undecided whether it should touch the 10 mark or stay on 65 below zero. The trains have been held up, and the general outlook of the countryside is one remembering a sea with waves running and then suddenly freezing stiff. It is a good thing as far as this part of the country is concerned that the farmers have plenty of feed for their stock. Hundreds of acres of green feed are still standing out in the fields, and it was not known it was there, no sign remains to tell the story. It certainly means some job to drive the teams in the fields and gather the feed. This is hard on the coat and wool pile, and it is to be hoped that moderation will soon set in.

The village election held last Sunday resulted in the following vote being polled: H. W. Low 16 votes, M. Seetran 13, J. T. Marshall 11, and W. Herring, 7. The three first mentioned are elected on the Council for the ensuing term. 17 votes were polled in all.

H. Hansen, manager of the local creamery, reports that they make around a ton and a quarter of butter per week, which is considered very satisfactory for this time of the season. Mr. John Flatman, formerly of the local stock, now manager of the Rocky Mountain House creamery of the same firm, in a letter to a friend, says: "The first month of operation we sold over 1400 worth of butter locally, and last week showed a large increase of cream delivered; 1350 lbs of butter was made."

The local U.F.W.A. had their meeting at the Liberty Hall last Friday, with local members present. The ladies discussed at length the immigration question as at present carried on. A resolution, which will be forwarded to the annual convention, was unanimously passed, vigorously condemning assisted immigration as tending to influence the immigrants to look to the Government and the public for everything without striking out for themselves, as many of our population have done. At a previous meeting, the election of officers was held. Mrs. James Kilgus was elected President, and Mrs. Paul Langer the secretary-treasurer. It is the intention of the organization to send a delegate to the U.F.W.A. annual convention at Calgary on January 20-23, and they intend to hold a whist drive at the Liberty Hall some time when the weather is suitable. In order to augment their fund for convention expenses. The next meeting will be held at Mr. Molander's on January 9.

The annual meeting of the Eckville Improvement Co. will be held in their hall on January 15. They are planning to hold a dance on December 31.

There will be a big Christmas programme, including plays, etc. at the Liberty Hall on Christmas Eve. This should be encouraged as this is a distinct effort to have entertainments without dances.

The Salma school was closed on Monday, December 15, for the term on account of the weather and blocked roads. Other schools in the neighborhood have been closed. Mr. Ludwig, of the Eckville school, had some time to come from his place at Alhambra on Monday on account of the road. Oswald Ullmayr went to the Lake on Saturday with the car, and got stuck; many others found difficulty in getting to their respective places of occupation.

The U.F.A. meeting which was to have been held on Monday was postponed. As soon as the roads get broken up, an attempt will be made to hold the postponed meeting.

A BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR

The calendar to be given by the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal to subscribers whose subscriptions are received in time, is a most beautiful work of art. The figures of the calendar are easy to read and the picture entitled "The Sale of Old Dobbin" is a masterpiece in color, suitable for framing. The subject of the painting is so full of human interest that you will never tire of looking at it. In addition to the calendar and picture, the Family Herald offers to each subscriber an opportunity to win as much as five thousand dollars in an easy and interesting contest. A catalogue of valuable articles which are given away for new subscriptions can also be obtained free from the publishers of the Family Herald. The Family Herald as an interesting journal carries everything before it.

HER CONSCIENCE

Call—Is Mrs. Blank in?
New Irish maid—No, ma'am, she's not at home, and may God forgive the awful lie I'm tellin' you.

THE ANNUAL ROMANCE

Rosalind was engaged to be married. She was to be married the day after Christmas. "She couldn't very well be married before then as her fiancé was so especially unusually busy at Christmas time, and it would have been cruel, too, not to have waited."

For Bill, her beloved, took the part of a Santa Claus every Christmas for one of the big city stores. He was an ideal Santa Claus. He wasn't too tall, he was not too short; he was rather inclined to a stockiness of build, and extra clothes made him look an ideal round Santa. He had a ruddy face and snapping blue eyes, and dressed in a Santa Claus costume he was perfect.

How the children did adore him! And how he loved them; they whispered their secrets to him and their eyes danced with rare happiness when they saw a good-bye to them, and called them "Sweethearts," and "My dears," and "Children dears," and other affectionate terms.

Rosalind had been thrilled when she had heard him first, in his beautiful voice uttering such beautiful words! For Rosalind had met him first when he had been a Santa Claus and she had been an extra sales girl; taken on for the Christmas rush.

It had been her first meeting with him. But she had been kept at the store after the Christmas rush was over, and Bill had worked for store for seven years now. Every December he was Santa Claus. The other eleven months he spent in selling kitchen utensils in the basement. They had fallen in love with each other though, at this time when he had been Santa Claus. And many a time when he had said: "Goodbye, dearie," to a child, he had been thinking of the pretty girl who was his fiancée, and his beautiful smiles, to a mother or to children.

And now a second Christmas was coming around, and once more Bill was Santa Claus, and as for Rosalind, she was through being Santa Claus; she would be married.

"I've always had lots of romance in my nature," she said to him one evening. "I've always thought it would be awful to be like some folks—some I know and some I've heard talk. One lady who came to the store with a friend was telling how she and her husband got into a quarrel, and then each had other friends, and sometimes they met and embarrassed others when they found that they were married. For one time the husband had been having dinner with a friend, and the friend had been looking dismally at his wife who was also in the restaurant. 'The friend had been much embarrassed when he discovered he had been dining with the husband's wife. And she was telling this as a good joke.'"

"I wouldn't want that kind where one goes one way and the other the other way. And I wouldn't want to be known as a wife because I was quarrelling with my husband. 'You know how you hear folks say, 'Well, you could tell they were married all right.' I don't want that kind.'"

"And you won't have it, little girl," Bill said. "I'm for your kind of romance every time. I'm for the kind of a married life where folks won't think we're married—we'll be so happy. I had a friend once like that. Why, a cop called him down because he was making love to his wife and wouldn't believe they were married 'cause she called him 'darling.' They found it awkward, but they had the right idea."

And as Rosalind listened to her Santa Claus, as she counted the days before the wedding, she said to her self: "It will be an annual romance to see Bill as Santa Claus, for it was as Santa Claus that I, too, fell in love with him as well as the children, and every year our happy, merry memories will be revived for us. We believe in romance and romance believes in us, for it, too, is going to play its part."

And someone who knew them both said: "It wouldn't be a bad idea if every man could be as he was during his courtship days for a whole month of every year."

NOT GUILTY

Mandy: "Mose, is yo' sho' yo' didn't marry me fo' mah job?"
Mose: "Cöse ah didn't, gal! Lawdy, no! Yo' jes' go ahead an' keep yo' job!"

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31st October, 1924

ASSETS

Gold, Dominion Notes, and Silver Coin	\$ 94,986,723.58
Deposits with Central Gold Reserve	14,000,000.00
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	69,517,496.89
Call and Short loans on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	118,188,540.98
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	91,612,453.73
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	6,385,569.34
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	42,392,715.21
Notes and cheques of other Banks	30,772,635.38
United States and other foreign currencies	650,833.09
Loans and Discounts and other Assets	259,515,557.66
Bank Premises	9,800,000.00
Liabilities to customers under letters of credit (as per contract)	11,003,562.70
	\$748,636,088.56

LIABILITIES TO PUBLIC

Notes in circulation	\$ 39,306,908.00
Deposits	641,027,425.43
Letters of credit outstanding	11,003,562.70
Other liabilities	865,820.18
	\$692,203,716.31

Excess of Assets over Liabilities to public \$56,632,372.25

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THE GREAT STORM AND RAILWAY TRAVEL

The great snowstorm which we have just experienced, coupled with the intensely cold spell, put a strain of extreme severity on transport of all kinds throughout the West, and railway services generally were more disorganized. Under the highly exceptional circumstances this was not in the least surprising, but at the same time it is difficult not to believe that for once in a way the Canadian Pacific Railway organization did not quite prove itself equal to the emergency. The breakdown of the services between Calgary and Edmonton and eastwards between Edmonton and Saskatoon was more complete and lasted longer than might have been expected. There seems to have been a lack of reserve power in the shape of locomotives and snowploughs which resulted in the lines becoming blocked more completely and cleared more slowly than need have been the case. We are so accustomed to seeing the Canadian Pacific exhibit on all occasions an extraordinarily high degree of efficiency that a measure of surprise and possibly even a mild chuckle of amusement is permissible when we find that great organization momentarily baffled. Those of the public who were unfortunate enough to have to travel on the stormy days were put to great inconvenience by the rather incomprehensible absence of information or the quite conflicting information which they were given as to the times of arrival and departure of the much delayed trains. After making all due allowances for an extraordinarily difficult situation, it is a little hard to understand how trains should have been reported up to within an hour of their arrival as running to time, and then have been delayed for as much as two or three or even more hours without any fresh development in the situation having taken place. It almost seems as if at some point or other in the higher direction of the battle against the storm, there had been a lack of grasp and decision. It will be quite unlike the Canadian Pacific's usual methods of doing things if the lesson is not learned, and steps taken to remove the weakness that has become apparent on this occasion. It was satisfactory to find the Canadian National meeting the emergency in very creditable fashion, and getting its trains through with comparatively little delay. In the useful and instructive rivalry between our two great railway systems it would seem that in this instance a point must be credited to the National Railway system against its brilliant competitor.

LABOUR LOSES A GREAT LEADER

The death of Samuel Gompers, the United States Labour leader, is a loss not only to labour but to the whole world. Gompers had come to stand as the embodiment of a type of Labour leader unfortunately only too rare—the sane and moderate constructive leader. In the course of his long career as an official, and latterly as the leader of organized labour in the States, he had broadened out into something much more than a chieftain in mere class warfare. He never ceased to be true to the interests of the labouring classes, but he also realized that the real advantage of those classes lay in something much more than merely destructive assaults on the position of other classes in the community, and particularly of the employers' class. As with many other men, it was the Great War which gave Gompers the chance of showing that he was a patriotic American first and a Labour leader only second. He had no hesitation about throwing all the weight of his powerful influence on to the side of the successful prosecution of the war, and he firmly discountenanced the chance of showing that he was a patriotic American first and a Labour leader only second. He had no hesitation about throwing all the weight of his powerful influence on to the side of the successful prosecution of the war, and he firmly discountenanced the chance of showing that he was a patriotic American first and a Labour leader only second.

recently to The News, we have the Canadian record for cold, but wait until the church union vote and see the temperature rise.

The Calgary School Board, college staffs and others jealous of the University at Edmonton are fighting for the right to give two years' university work. We wonder if they have asked the ratifiers whether they wish to assume a further number of mills on the tax rate to meet the cost of providing the additional teaching staffs.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Spirit of Christmas glided softly into the City of Everyday at dusk on Christmas Eve.

There was a brisk, happy stirring of bundled people along the brightly lit streets, and the sound of children's voices made music on the frosty, pine-scented air.

A wonderful Christmas was in prospect, for there had been a fine good-will crop. And when the good-will crop is a success a splendid Christmas is assured, you know.

The Spirit of Christmas passed up one street and down another looking for a home into which no good-will blossoms had been gathered, for there, she knew, she would be needed.

At last she stopped at one of the humblest homes in the poorest street in the whole city, and entered. Surely she would be needed to work some magic in such a home.

It seemed as if there would hardly be room to garner even a crop of rough hands for her to work, you know, takes up very little room, though the aroma of it spreads a long, long way.

A man and woman and several little children were grouped around a rickety table, upon which stood a basket and a bowl of candy. The woman was weeping and the children were crying.

"We must share what we have with our neighbor who is poorer even than we are, and who, besides, is a stranger in a strange land," said the man, as he began to all the basket.

The woman went to a drawer and took out some little white wooly garments with the smell of lavender clinging to them. She held them lovingly in her rough hands for a moment and a mist sprang into her eyes as across her memory flashed the echo of a baby's lip.

Then she put the garments into the basket with a smile. One child dropped in a torn picture-book, another a new top and another something else until all had contributed to the basket.

"No work remains for me to do here," said the Spirit of Christmas, as she slipped out into the street again. "This family has more than enough good-will in stock to see them through. They must have taken great care of the roots all through the year, instead of forgetting about them until Christmas time drew near as so many people do. I shall try a different kind of a home next. One never knows where the Spirit of Christmas may be needed."

On the very next street she found a home where she thought she might be needed. It was a beautiful home, with great rooms and a garden, but no children's voices broke the brooding silence. Soft rugs cushioned the floor, and costly paintings adorned the walls, while between the folds of rich silken tapestries shone masterpieces in white marble. And in the midst of all the beauty and luxury sat a man and woman near to each other, yet apart.

A party of card players went up the street singing. The man looked up when he heard the music.

"To-morrow is Christmas Day," he said, as if he had not thought of it before.

"Yes, to-morrow is Christmas Day," the woman answered listlessly.

"I must write you a check, as usual," said the man, absently.

"Yes, write me a check, as usual," said the woman, without interest.

The man reached out his hand to take up a pen. But the Spirit of Christmas took a crimson rose from a vase nearby and put it between the man's fingers. He lifted the rose and looked at it with wonder in his tired eyes.

"What shall I do with a rose?" he said. "Roses are for youth."

"Or for those with the memories of youth," whispered the woman wistfully.

Under the spell of the Spirit of Christmas a new life came into the man's face—a flicker of that youth which never really dies till it goes out with the last breath.

He lifted the rose to his lips and closed his eyes to dream a moment of the scented summer days and the wonderful moon—white nights, the tender young eyes, and the whispered words which his perfume called up. When he passed the rose across the table to the woman the dream went with it and spread itself swiftly before her inner vision. When she looked up again she left a tear in the heart of the rose, but there was a smile on her lips.

"You gave me checks—and checks—and checks—and what I really wanted from you was a rose—a rose and a dream," cried the woman, happily, as the man took her hands in his.

"I'm glad I called at this home," said the Spirit of Christmas, as she slipped out. "One never can tell where the Spirit of Christmas will be needed."

HIS ONLY EXTRAVAGANCE

Old Hen Roddy, from Hogskin Hollow, is fond of boasting of his amazing thriftiness by virtue of which he has accumulated a fairly substantial bank account.

"You're very careful about your expenditures, aren't you, Uncle Hen?" the village schoolmaster asked one day.

"Yes, perferesser, I'm right smart that way. Fact, I don't recollect that I ever spent but one quarter for just durn foolishness. There was one Christmas-time when I let a storekeeper talk me into buyin' a pair of socks."

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THE CHILD AND THE CLOCK

Once upon a time there was a clock that stood upon the mantel in a little boy's mother's room. It ticked merrily night and day. "Tic-tick, tic-tick," it said.

It told the little boy's father when to go to work, and it told the little boy's mother when to get dinner, and sometimes talked to the little boy himself.

"Go to bed, sleepy head," that is what it seemed to say at bedtime, and in the morning it ticked out loud and clear, as if it were calling, "Wake up, wake up, wake up."

The little boy's mother always knew just what it meant by its tic-tick, tic-tick, tick, and, late one afternoon, when he was playing with his toys and the clock was ticking on the mantel, she said:

"Listen, little boy, the clock has something to tell you: "Tic-tick, tic-tick, tick," it is saying.

"Tic-tick, tick, it is time to stop playing. Somebody's coming so loving and dear. You must be ready to welcome him here."

Then the little boy jumped up in a hurry and put his hobby-horse in the corner, and his pony lines on a hook in the closet, and his tin soldiers in a straight row on the cupboard shelf.

"Now I'm ready," he said, "but—Tic-tick, tic-tick, tick, 'Time to tidy yourself,' said the clock."

"Oh," said the little boy, when his mother told him this; but he stood very still while she washed his hands and his rosy face and combed his curls till they were smooth and shining.

"Now I'm ready," he said; and—do you believe it?—the very next minute the door opened and in walked the little boy's father.

"I knew you were coming," said the little boy, "and so did mother. The clock told us, and I have on my new blouse."

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Exceptionally good team of matched mares, 8 years old; weight about 2500 lbs. Well broken and suitable for either town or farm work.

A splendid well matched team of black mares, weight about 2500 lbs. age 5 years old; well broken for farm work. Also one spring colt from Scotland's Major.

Two sets of full brass-mounted breeding harness, almost as good as new.

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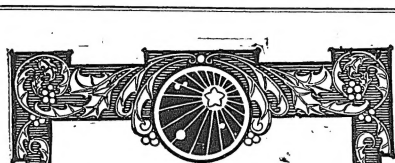
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May you have a most Joyful Christmas and a Contented and Prosperous New Year.

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While B.C. miners broke all production records in 1924, taken as a whole the gross total production declined half a million tons from 1923. Workmen in the metalliferous mines where there was no strike received twice as much pay per man as did those in the coal mines. A very successful strike from the point of view of American coal mines and miners.

It is a pleasure to be able to report that the death rate in the United States shows a further decrease in 1923 as far as tuberculosis is concerned. Unfortunately, however, at the same time, deaths from cancer increased in number.

Does not think it would be dangerous to say that it would take at least later. The Board believes that pos-

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\$1.25 to \$2.95 Barracoots for the new baby in plain and embroidered, from \$1.00 to \$1.65 Petticoats in flannel and cambric are also useful gifts, from 45¢ to \$1.25 Nightgowns and Sleepers of White Flannelette are good lasting gifts. 85¢ and 95¢ Mitts for the cold weather; from 20¢ to 50¢ Booties are necessary for these cold days. 30¢ to 75¢ Wool Hosiery are thoughtful reminders at this time; at from 50¢ to 65¢ Bibs in fine lawn and silk embroidered 35¢ to 50¢ Jackets in crocheted or knit style 95¢ to \$1.75 Coats are a necessity and consequently a welcome gift \$3.75 to \$6.95 Kimonos in different colored patterns \$1.65

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A Flannel Pantee Dress for the little tots \$3.50 A Dress of Flannel or Serge with Pleated Skirt \$7.95 Navy Plaid Skirts on dark or light bodice: one of these would delight the small miss. Price \$1.25 Flannel Middies in navy and red \$3.50

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Sweater Coats which are new and different for winter sports or for wear under your coat, make lovely gifts. The softest of wools are used in shades that are quiet or gay. Sleeveless Sweaters in wool, silk and wool, and all silk. Sweater Coats in the newest styles. Pullover Sweaters in many different kinds.

APRONS

New Rubber Aprons in plain and variegated heavy rubber, all-over style.

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A Skirt of Plaid in plain wrap-around style, or a pleated one of flannel or crepe in the new popular shades, would please the feminine heart, young or more mature. Skirts on waist bands or bodice for all sizes, \$2.95 to \$12.95

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On your gift list there is some one dear to you whom you would like to give a fur scarf. The scarfs we offer are full furred and are on special at Half Price

KIMONAS

For a gift combining luxury with every-day use there are few things that will give more personal pleasure than a good warm kimona. The prices are reasonable.

SILK LINGERIE
FOR GIFTS
Simplify your worries by selecting silken underwear. This section will save you time and energy, for it is unusually rich in underwear styles, and prices are moderate for such exceptionally fine underthings.

BLOUSES MAKE DAINTY GIFTS



Neatly packed in a holiday box, a blouse will convey your expression of friendship. The donor has ample opportunity to show her individuality and good taste by choosing from a varied assortment of all that is newest and loveliest.

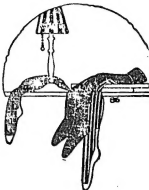
DRESSES—A SERVICEABLE GIFT

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A coat is a necessity and our reduction on coats has come at a very opportune time, as it will mean considerable saving to those contemplating purchasing now.

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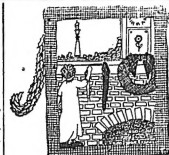
There are many bright things of intrinsic worth, each one artistic in designing, and at prices that will be the biggest surprise of all.

JAZZ GARTERS

Filled Elastic for Jazz Garters in a large assortment of all the new shades; 3/4-yard length 50¢, 60¢ and \$1.00

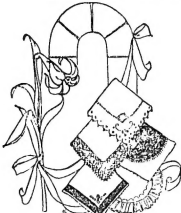
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Every young girl would love to receive one of these cases. Powder compact, puff and small mirror in the back. 65¢ to \$1.00



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HANDKERCHIEFS ALWAYS PLEASE



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Box Handkerchiefs, two or three in a box, in fine Lawn or Linen, at 35¢ to \$1.95 box

SCARF SETS
Combine usefulness with your giving this year by giving a Brushed Wool Scarf and Cap Set, and you will be long remembered for your thoughtfulness. The price is also especially attractive \$1.95



SILK SCARFS

Who would not appreciate one of these lovely scarfs? Fine tubular artificial silk, closely knitted, in plain colors, at \$2.25 Scarfs in fancy Knit Silk Stripes in all the newest shades \$3.75 and \$4.25

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Christmas Ribbon in red and green or holly; 4 yards in a bolt at 15¢ Tinsel, also used for tying parcels; 10 yards on a spool at 15¢ Tags, plain or string, 10¢ pk. Seals, small round, colored seals 5¢ pk.

FINE LINENS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE



LINENS

Her pride in the appearance of her home should lead you to select a gift from this range of luncheon sets, table Damasks and napkins, pillow cases and scarfs. All are reasonably priced.

GIVEABLE GIFTS IN HANDBAGS

Every requirement may be satisfied from our large well assorted stock. There will surely be at least one name with a notation of a bag alongside of it in your list. Children's Purses in leather and satin from 25¢ to 60¢ Vanity Boxes, large assortment of colors \$1.75 Ladies' Handbags in pouch shape or "under-arm" style, fully fitted \$2.25 to \$5.95

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Be sure to visit our Glove section before making your final selection. It will save you time, energy and money besides.

Chamoisette Gloves in fawn, grey and sand. 75¢ to \$1.75 Capeskin Gloves at, per pair \$1.85 to \$2.75

Suede Kid Gloves, short or gauntlet style \$2.25, \$3.75 Brushed Wool Gloves, per pair 85¢ to \$2.00



TOWELS

Towels are practical gifts that every housewife would be pleased to receive. Quality and attractiveness are combined in our towels.

Bleached Terry Towels with stripes 50¢ each 95¢ pair

Blue and White, Pink and White Turkish Towels. 70¢ each \$1.35 pair Embossed Turkish Towels, good quality, each 65¢, \$1.00 and \$1.65

Turkish Towels with white background and colored stripes, each 50¢, \$1.00 and \$1.45

White Turkish Towels, soft finish 60¢ and \$1.00 each

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"PACKARD" BOUDOIR SLIPPERS MAKE A SPLENDID GIFT

Priced \$1.95 and \$2.25 Pair Made from best quality kid and suede leathers with silk pom-pom on vamp; padded chrome leather soles and neat rubber heels. Colors pink, blue, old rose, red, lavender, purple, grey, black, brown. Sizes 3 to 8.

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Priced \$1.25, \$1.50 Cozy slippers for bedroom and home wear. Soft kid suede with silk pom-pom; padded soles and heels or rubber heels.

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Tudor Plate Buffet Set, consisting of 1/2 doz. dessert knives, 1/2 doz. dessert forks, 1/2 doz. dessert spoons, 1/2 doz. teaspoons, 1 sugar spoon, 1 butter knife. This buffet chest slips easily into the sideboard drawer. It brings the silver to the table all at one time, saving unnecessary steps, and it adds a lovely decorative touch to a room if displayed on top of the buffet. The knives in this set have stainless steel blades. The buffet chest is free, you pay only for the silverware: 26 pieces for \$20

Community Plate
Adam and Patrician Design Butter Knife, flat handle, each \$1.60 Sugar Spoon, each \$1.60 Berry Spoon, each \$3.75 Cold Meat Fork, each \$2.75 Tomato Server, each \$3.75

Carving Sets
Two and three-piece sets, white or stag handles, stainless steel. One of these sets will make a very acceptable gift, especially the three-piece sets, in very attractive plush and silk lined boxes; per set \$5.50 to \$12.50

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One of these handy lights will be a very suitable gift for any girl or boy, lady or gentleman. A gift that will be greatly appreciated. We have these handy lights in 2 and 3-cell sizes, priced from 95¢ to \$4.75

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We carry the whole West-clo family of clocks, including the iron-clad which is an attractive mantelpiece clock with concealed alarm, each \$3.50 Watches, Swiss movement, each \$1.50

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POCKET KNIVES to suit every purse and to fit every pocket.

ENGLISH PLAID FELT SLIPPERS FOR GIFT GIVING
Priced \$1.65, \$1.85, \$2.25, \$2.50 Pair

A pair of these warm, cosy slippers will surely be appreciated. Made of all wool material in plaid and plain camel shade; thick felt and leather soles. Sizes 3 to 7.

WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS AT \$1.50 Pair

Made from very fine quality felt in plain colors of pearl, grey, cardinal, brown, navy. Sizes 3 to 7.

GROCERIES

FOR YOUR XMAS TABLE
Christies Plum Puddings 70¢ Libby's Mince-meat 30¢ lb Mince-meat 4 lb tins 70¢ Table Raisins 40¢, 50¢ lb Jordan Almonds 95¢ lb Turkish Figs 40¢ lb California Figs 25¢ lb Turkish Dates 30¢ lb Dates, stuffed with walnuts, almonds and Brazils 60¢ lb Oranges, California, per dozen 30¢, 40¢ and 60¢ Oranges, Japs \$1.20 box Apples, No. 1 wrapped \$2.50 Ontario Apples, Russets, per lb 10¢ Cranberries 2 lbs 45¢ Xmas Crackers, hats and caps 95¢ box Ontario Apple Cider; per gallon \$1.20 Cigars, Xmas wrapped, per box \$1.00 and \$2.95 Xmas Candy 25¢ to 50¢ lb Chocolates, fancy boxes, per box 25¢ to \$4.90 Holly and Mistletoe

Fresh Vegetables
Celery, Rippe Tomatoes, Lettuce, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower, Parsnips, etc.

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OUR IRISH LETTER

By H. G. Scott.

THE WALLS OF DERRY AND NO SURRENDER

In all the doubtful boundary area between Northern Ireland and the Free State, the city of Londonderry occupies perhaps the most critical position and may be said to constitute the storm centre. With a population of about 30,000 and a splendid natural situation both for scenic beauty and commercial advantage, Londonderry is a prize worth struggling for by either side.

A great tradition haunts and possesses the city, the tradition of the siege of 1689, when the loyal Protestants held the city for William III against the deposed King James II and his Catholics. The sights of the city are the old walls, which stood the siege and have now more of the much expanded city outside than within their circumference, the monument to Governor Walker who commanded during the siege, "Roaring Meg," one of the defenders' cannons, and the Protestant Cathedral with its many relics of the siege. What the memory of Prince Charlie, the '45, and the tragedy of Culloden is to the people of the Scottish Highlands, that the memory of the siege is to the Protestants of Londonderry. There is, however, this great difference between them. The memory of Culloden is that of a great defeat, a lost cause and a dead cause. The memory of the siege of Londonderry is that of a great triumph in a cause which has never been dead and only dormant, and now seems likely to wake again to strenuous life. In 1689 the elements of Protestant Derry were without its walls. In 1924 they are both within and without, and the danger is the more deadly than ever because of that fact.

It is undoubtedly true that at the present time the majority of the people of Londonderry in about the proportion of 20 to 17 are not Protestants but Roman Catholics, and that if a vote were to be taken for or against inclusion in the Free State, there is something more than a mere likelihood that it would result in favor of such inclusion.

The contention of the Free State adherents is simply that effect should be given to that numerical majority and Londonderry be transferred to the Free State. The answer of the Protestants in the first instance is: "Never." If they are asked to explain and justify further their refusal, they say that Londonderry has been built up by Protestant enterprises and energy, that at the present time 70 per cent of the property of the city is owned by Protestants, that almost all the factories and large businesses are owned and managed by Protestants, and that the Catholic majority of today consists mainly of unskilled labourers and their numerous families, who have come in to work in or about the Protestant factories. Some of these, they say, got their chance of obtaining such work during the war, when large numbers of the loyal Protestants had gone to fight at the front, from which many of them never returned. It is utterly unfair, in the view of the Protestants, that a majority of such a character and so created should have the right to decide the destiny of the city and hand it over to what the Protestants regard as a backward, semi-bankrupt, turbulent, corrupt, and priest-ridden Free State. It will be observed that the whole argument of Protestant Londonderry is merely a particular instance of the general argument of the Northern Ireland Government and people against territorial concessions to the Free State.

It is quite impossible to reconcile these opposing views and equally impossible to say with authority and certainty which of them is entitled to the greater weight. The matter is not likely to be decided by reasoned discussion. It is one of those issues which involve a clash of vital interests, and which are decided only by force or the possibility of force.

To realize the intensity of the feelings raised by this question is not very easy for people living in Scotland or England, where for a long time now domestic political questions have ceased to be matters of life and death, freedom or slavery, and have become affairs of political theory or of the varying incidence of taxation. It is necessary to visit the actual scene of controversy and to feel the atmosphere in which the issue is being fought before a just appreciation can be arrived at.

Londonderry was one of the places where at the end of September demonstrations were held to protest against the setting up of the Boundary Commission. The meeting was held in the city hall in the evening, and some time before the hour fixed for it the bands of the various Protestant and Orange societies in the city and district assembled at the head of the bridge over the River Foyle and marched through the city to the hall. In the days of British rule in Ireland such a demonstration would almost certainly have led to a counter demonstration by the Catholics and probably to a fierce faction fight, with the Royal Irish Constabulary occupying a strictly neutral position, and interfering only when the battle threatened to assume a really serious aspect. Times have changed, however, in Derry. If the numerical strength is with the Roman Catholics, the power, the organization, the fierce resolute enthusiasm is with the Protestants. For the moment at any rate, justly or unjustly, the Roman Catholic spirit in the city is tamed, and the Roman Catholic claws are cut. The merit or demerit of this state of things is not at present under discussion. Only the fact is here stated. On the night of the meeting in question the Protestant drums beat unchallenged. The Protestants shrilled unanswered through the streets of old Derry.

The city hall was packed to the extreme of discomfort. An overflow meeting had to be held close by for the benefit of those unable to find room in the hall. The walls were hung with Union Jacks and with mottoes recalling the days of the great siege. While the crowd waited for the speakers to arrive, the pipe organ pealed out a series of the most familiar patriotic airs, "Rule Britannia," "Land

of Hope and Glory," and the French "Marseillaise," and the enthusiasm of the packed audience grew from moment to moment, until a roar of cheering from an upstanding crowd greeted the appearance of the Ulster leaders on the platform.

The meeting began with the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past." It is possible to deplore the spirit of religious bitterness which led the whole Ulster question, but it is not possible to listen unmoved to the full-throated singing of such a hymn by an assembly who, rightly or wrongly, believe that their civil and religious freedom is in deadly peril and that they must face that peril with possibly no hand an aid behind them.

The opening speech of the chairman, Senator Glendinning, a local business man and member of the Senate of Northern Ireland, struck the note that dominated the whole evening. It was a note of entire sincerity and determination to resist at all costs and to let lengths any attempt to hand over the city of Derry to the Free State. "Point after point was answered by the audience with round after round of cheering, and the sentences of real and dignified eloquence which he ended put the speech on a level at least as high as any of those of the more widely known men who followed him. All through the meeting the same tone was heard. The reasoned expositions of the facts and the law bearing on the question at issue were heard with something akin to impatience. The listeners were obviously of the opinion that there was neither need nor time for such arguments, which they knew by heart already. What they wanted to hear were the declarations of unswerving resolve to stand fast and to bid defiance to any and all who threaten the rights of Protestant Derry to stay within the Empire and under the Union Jack. "We will not suffer," said man after man, "the maiden city of Derry to be handed over to men who were traitors to the Empire in the Great War and are traitors to the Empire now," and again and again the traditional shout of "No surrender" came back in answer to these declarations.

It is perhaps easy for those at a distance to smile in superior fashion at the defiant enthusiasm of a few thousand men and women in a small town on the outskirts of a small province of the Empire. It is easy to say that the Protestants have no right to put their narrow sectarian views to men who are the peaceful settlement of a great imperial problem. It is, however, well to remember that in the eyes of even a small community the civil and religious liberty, dearly won and jealously guarded in the past, may in the present count for more than all the problems and the glories of an Empire. The people of Scotland have lived for more than 800 years, consistently or unconsciously, in the glowing memory of a great triumph won for freedom at Bannockburn by a mere 6000 Scotsmen, the more since he got fixed in police court.

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Londonderry is one of those places where the Free State leaders have declared to be quite incapable of existing commercially if cut off by a customs barrier from Dublin and the northern section of the Free State, but as has been already indicated, this view is not accepted by the manufacturers and business men of the city, who think that the possible slight loss of trade to the wholesale merchants of the city will be nothing compared to the loss which would result from being included in the heavily taxed, badly administered Free State, even if there were no other than material considerations involved.

For the time being the crisis is in abeyance and will remain so until the Boundary Commission completes its work and makes its award. If that award favours the inclusion of Londonderry in the Free State, at once a situation of the utmost seriousness will arise for the award will be treated as of no effect by Northern Ireland, and any attempt to take over the government of the city by the Free State will almost certainly be forcibly resisted. It is at least possible that the Catholics of the city are making secret preparations for a struggle. It is certain that the Protestant authorities of the city, in common with the government and people of Northern Ireland generally, are also making their arrangements for a struggle. The occasion may never arise. The boundary question will probably be settled by agreement, and in that event Londonderry will certainly remain within the territory of Northern Ireland, but there is no certainty in Ireland, and it is just possible that the Protestants of Derry may have to face the dangers and hardships if not the siege, then of a struggle within the confines of the city. In that case their watchword will almost certainly be the same as it was nearly 250 years ago—"No Surrender."

TO MR. SANTA CLAUS

Dear Mr. Santa Claus: This note I send to you, To reach you 'fore 'tis Christmas, afore the year is new. Last Christmas we were happy, me and sister May, 'Cause you came down the chimney with big dolls and a sleigh.

Last Christmas Mum and Daddy helped with the Christmas shopping. Played with us, the dolls and toys, as happy as could be. But this year all seems different, 'Cause Daddy died last August; gone up to Heaven in the skies.

Mummy goes to work now, to buy some clothes and bread, 'Cause Daddy left no money, forgot we should be fed. Member once a man told Daddy he should raise his life To please his little kiddies and leave something for his wife.

But Daddy seemed to think he knew more than the man that day, Said he wouldn't take it now, perhaps some other day. But I guess he never took it, 'cause now we're awful poor, And guess we'll have to move again—there's a notice on the door.

So Santa I can't tell you just where we'll be by then, But please do try and find us—Oh, then, I've broke my pen.

—Bobbie.

I AM SANTA CLAUS

One hundred percent heart and mind, That is why to mankind I am kind. Through the years that have flown, Other hearts may have grown, I am still the Greatest of mankind.

I know nothing of meanness and hate, And I leave the small mind to its fate— But, in passing it by, I wink with one eye And leave tokens of Love at the gate.

Naught I know of creed, color or race; In my heart every soul has a place. Eyes wrinkled with smiles Look with Love at all styles And judge not by the language or face.

For I know life is ever the same, And condition or clime but a name. Man's ideas may grow Long after I go, So I offer you Love, and not Blame.

I am jolly and old—that is why As the snow hurries down from the sky, And the world seems so cold And its troubles so old, I scatter my Love as I fly.

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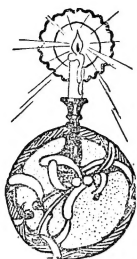
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Knox Church, Dec. 28th: Public worship at the usual hours. Morning subject: "What is best for 1925?" 2:30 p.m., Sabbath school. Evening: "The closing worship of the year will be a communion service."

St. Luke's (Anglican) Church: Tomorrow (Dec. 25) Christmas Day. Divine service as follows: 8 a.m., Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. 11 a.m., Shortened Matins, sermon and Holy Eucharist (choir). Rev. G. McComas, M.A., Rector.

First Baptist Church, Sunday, December 28th: 11 a.m., "The Backward Look"—the story of Lot's wife. 12 (noon) Sunday school. 7:30 p.m., "Trails End." A cordial invitation to all the services of the church. Rev. Blis L. Jackson, Pastor.

The Methodist Church, Pastor Rev. J. W. Churchill. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p.m. 11 a.m., "Parting with an Old Friend." 7:30 p.m., "Some Great Events in 1924." Good music and helpful fellowship.

Christmas eve services at the Lutheran Church, below the Orange Hall, on Third St. North. The services will be beautified by the singing of the good old Christmas hymns. Services Christmas eve in church and catch the real spirit of Christmas. Services at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Day services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., at Markerville at 7:30 p.m. The topic: "The true celebration of Christmas, after the pattern of the shepherds." Services at New Hill on second Christmas Day, Dec. 26, at 3:00 p.m. J. E. Hermann, pastor.

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FIRST CHURCH UNION VOTE

The Presbyterian Church in Olds was the first church in this district to vote on Church Union, which they did on Monday evening. In spite of a wild blizzard 39 people turned out and the vote stood 39 to 0 against union. The congregation will continue with the Presbyterian Church, but continues after those in favour of union enter the United Church on June 10th, 1925.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Margaret Gaetz is home with her mother for Christmas.

G. C. S. Crosby was a business visitor to Calgary last week.

The shortest day is past and the days grow longer now.

Linton Gaetz is spending Christmas with his parents in Red Deer.

The Rotary Club will hold their annual dance on Friday, January 16.

Douglas Springbett and Howie George are down from Camrose Normal.

Good music, good eats and good cheer at the Hockey Club dance, December 26th.

H. G. Scott is visiting his brother Norman Scott at Strathcan over Christmas and the New Year.

C. E. Clarke left on Monday for Stony Plain to spend the holidays with Mrs. Clarke.

Miss E. R. Fash, of the teaching staff, will spend her Christmas with friends in Edmonton.

Eric Hepworth, who is studying at the Calgary Technical Institute, is home for Christmas.

Fire ranger B. P. Alford is home from the Nordegg district for a few days during Christmas holidays.

Darwin Houston and Evan and Alan Galbraith are home from the University for the Christmas vacation.

Walker Taylor is visiting in the city over the holidays. He has been attending at the University of Alberta.

Ralph Lord and David Collier are home for the holidays from Victoria, B.C., where they have been attending College.

Miss Gertrude Connors, who is attending the University of Alberta, arrived home for the holidays last week end.

John R. Gaetz, who is on the staff of the Markerville Creamery, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gaetz, last week.

Mrs. Geo. P. Ely, who was called to Grandview, Wash., because of illness of some of her relatives, returned home on Wednesday.

Miss Nona Quigg, who is attending business college in Edmonton, is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Malcolm are up from Calgary with baby Jack, spending the holiday with Cliff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Malcolm.

Mrs. F. Searracke is in Simcoe, Ont., where she was called because of the death of her mother, Mrs. Lees, who was eighty years of age.

Len Coghlin left on Friday for Atwood, Ontario, where he will spend Christmas. Mrs. Coghlin has been visiting in Atwood for some time.

Frank A. Feeney was called to Boston a few days ago owing to the illness of his parents. During his absence W. H. Cunningham has charge of his business.

Lee Searracke and Nellie Gaetz are home from Calgary Normal School for the holidays. Miss Marjorie Orisz, who has been attending Camrose Normal is also home.

H. J. Snell's Cyclo-Stormograph shows the following forecast for the holiday: "Unsettled weather with increasing winds and cooler." Here's hoping the instrument has made an error of judgment.

Cameron Hepworth came up from Bowden, where he has been employed in the creamery, last week, and was admitted to the Municipal Hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is doing as well as could be expected but will have to be in the hospital over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Russell announce the engagement of their second daughter, Eileen May, to Mr. Curtis Greer. The wedding will take place at Peoria, Illinois, on New Year's Eve. Both the young people are well and favorably known in Red Deer and Innisfail and will have the best wishes of the people for their future happiness. Miss Russell leaves for Peoria, Ill., after Christmas. Mr. Greer is now engaged with the Central Illinois Electric Co. there.

L. A. Parry, who has been residing near Pine Lake, has moved into the city and will conduct auction sales for all those desiring his services. He has had fourteen years' experience and is soliciting a share of public patronage. Mr. Parry intends to hold sales regularly at the old Hewson barn, commencing about the first Saturday in February. Those wishing to enter for these sales can communicate with Mr. Parry.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Adjourn Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Red Deer Agricultural Society was called for Saturday last, but owing to the severe storm few of the country directors were on hand, and those present decided to adjourn the meeting to Saturday, December 27th, at 2:30 in the city hall.

A feature of the reports to be presented is the splendid report given by the judges of last Fair. It is the best ever received by the local association.

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